

REMARKS

The indicated allowability of the subject matter of claim 8 relating to the feature of axial removal of the rear wheel is gratefully acknowledged. The subject matter of claim 8 has been incorporated into claim 1 which is now in condition for allowance, together with its dependent claims 2-7 and 9-14.

The subject matter of claim 8 was also incorporated into claim 16, which is now in condition for allowance, together with its dependent claim 17.

Claim 15 was canceled.

Claim 18 was included in the rejection of the other independent claims as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,279,935 to Wagner. Yet, as the Examiner will note upon reviewing Wagner, this reference does not disclose the axial removal of a rear bicycle wheel. Hence, claim 18 should be allowed for the same reasons that claim 8 was held allowable, together with its dependent claim 19.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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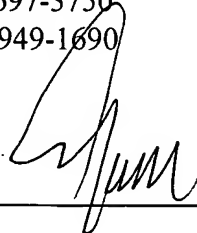
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